

CAMPAIGN FOR RECREATION FUND TO START

WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY NOV. 27, CONTINUING FOUR DAYS.

\$1,200 IS THE GOAL

Effort Will be Made to Secure That Sum in Lowndes County.

The joint committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Ladies' Civic League to raise \$1,200 in Lowndes county for work to be carried on by the War and Navy Departments' commissions on training camp activities will, with the view of raising the money, begin on Tuesday, November 27, an active campaign which will continue throughout the remainder of the week.

Announcement to the effect has been made by Mr. V. B. Imes chairman of the joint committee, who declares that the campaign will be vigorously waged and that every possible effort will be made to secure the county's full quota.

Citizens of Columbus and Lowndes county, like those of other communities throughout the country, have had numerous calls made upon them for money since the United States entered the war against Germany; but they have responded liberally to all of them, and it is believed that the call for funds for training camp activities will meet an equally generous response. The work is just as important as any other for which contributions have been sought, and local citizens, who have so forcefully demonstrated their loyalty and love for the soldiers on previous occasions, can not afford to lag behind now.

The committee was appointed at the request of Mr. George P. Money, representative of the War and Navy Departments' commissions on training camp activities, who visited Columbus about ten days ago and who prevailed upon the Chamber of Commerce and the Ladies' Civic League to take up the work here.

Amusements at Camp Pike.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 17.—When Johnnie comes marching home, and among the things he has to tell is how he saw Maude Adams for two bits, and had an orchestra seat, just add it to the wonderful things at Camp Pike, and before Johnnie has told half of the story you will consider this a most wonderful camp, and not class Miss Adams with the movie queens or form the impression that she has joined to it.

Within the next two weeks—for they erect buildings very, very rapidly at Camp Pike when they start them there will be in operation an enormous theatre under the direct management of Klaw & Erlanger. The seating capacity will equal that of any city auditorium, and when the building is completed the great stars of the theatrical firmament will visit Camp Pike, presenting the plays which have made them world famous. And the price of admission to these attractions, no matter how great the star, will be 25 cents, better known in Southern camps as "two bits." Should these stars appear at the city theatres the prices will range from \$2.00 downward, with wares added.

These theatres are provided by the War Service Board and the stars will journey from one cantonment to another. There are picture shows also under the supervision of this board and the Y. M. C. A.

Dance halls are also provided, but all are off the cantonment grounds, and under city supervision. The soldier patronizes these places liberally, and the management has been restricted to such classes as insure the patronage of only the respectable soldier, with his ever readiness to give a nickname to the new things as they appear, has dubbed the dance halls as "jitney wrestles." He refers to the dance as a wrestling match, and the halls all charge five cents per dance, hence the balance of the phrase.

Mr. H. F. Simrall received a letter several days ago from the Bureau of war risk insurance of the treasury department, thanking him for the lending of his services to sell government insurance to the soldiers. The letter stated that in the near future his services would be called for.

T. J. BROOKS WANTS SEAT IN CONGRESS

SECOND ASPIRANT FROM OK-TIBBEHA COUNTY SHIFTS CASTOR INTO RING.

The seventh candidate to make formal announcement in the race for congressman from this, the first Mississippi district, is Prof. T. J. Brooks, of the department of Market and Rural Economics of the Mississippi A. and M. College, at Starkville. Prof. Brooks made known his candidacy Friday having spent a few hours in Columbus on business. He has tendered his resignation as a member of the A. and M. faculty to take effect on January 1, at which time he will begin his campaign.

Prof. Brooks was a member of the American commission sent to Europe sometime ago to study Rural Marketing in that country. He is well known in northeast Mississippi and is popular not only among the students of the college, but among the people in this section generally.

Among the seven candidates for congress from this district are Mr. W. P. Stripling and Mr. John F. Frierson, two prominent Columbus lawyers. Mr. E. S. Candler, of Corinth, the present congressman will also be in the race.

Two Basket Ball Games. Two exciting basket ball games were played on the campus of the Industrial Institute and College yesterday afternoon and were witnessed by a large crowd. The contest between the Senior and Freshmen resulted 26 to 23 in favor of the former team, and the Sophomores won over the Juniors by a score of 41 to 2.

Sale on at Beards. A special sale of silk dresses will be started at the store of W. C. Beard, Inc., Monday, and many wonderful bargains can be seen in an attractive advertisement for this firm on the last page of this issue of the Commercial. A special sale of millinery will also be at this store during the coming week.

Mrs. J. E. Mays Dies. After a long illness from a complication of troubles, Mrs. J. E. Mays, 84 years of age, died about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home eleven miles northwest of the city. She is survived by two daughters.

Funeral services will be held from the family home this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. W. H. Perkins and son, Mr. Paul Perkins, who live near Crawford, were among the visitors to the city yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Dale, Mr. L. E. Swanzy, Mr. J. B. Egger and Mr. R. E. L. Smith, were among the many Caladonia citizens in the city yesterday.

ITALIANS ACTIVE ALONG THE PIAVE

NOW HOPEFUL OF SAVING VENICE BY WIDE WATER BARRIER.

Rome, Nov. 17.—Today's indications based on news received from the Trento front were that the full force of the French and British contingents would soon be hurled in the battle to check the enemy.

Only the allies' artillery have so far engaged in the Piave line battle. The allied forces are arriving hourly, both by train and on foot.

Large units of French troops, too impatient to await steam transportation, marched across the Alpine passes which are deep in snow.

The British and French troops, arriving in the best of spirits, brought large numbers of field and siege guns with them.

The Italian navy was active again today against the enemy positions along the lower Piave. The booming could be heard distinctly in Rome.

Along the lower Piave the floods have reached several feet in depth below where the flood gates have been opened. The hope of the Italians to save Venice lies in a barrier of water twelve miles in width which is keeping the invaders from the Venetian lagoons.

Latest reports show that enemy efforts to bring over large forces across the Piave on pontoons have met with failure.

It was reported today that British monitors had joined the Italian navy and were shelling the rear of the Teuton lines along the lower Piave near Venice.

SENATOR PERCY LAUDS WORK OF COLLEGE GIRLS

PRaises THEM FOR INTEREST EVINCED IN THE Y. M. C. A. FUND.

HAVE RAISED \$1,500

County Committee Also Raises Large Contribution to This Splendid Cause.

Students of the Industrial Institute and College here on Thursday morning had the pleasure of listening to a talk by Hon. Leroy Percy, former United States Senator, who is endeavoring to raise \$150,000 in Mississippi for Y. M. C. A. war work, and who is touring the state with that end in view. The former Senator addressed the people of Columbus at the court house Wednesday night, and was booked to speak at the college Wednesday afternoon, but a delayed train prevented him from reaching the city in time to fill the engagement.

The students of the I. I. and C. are deeply interested in the Y. M. C. A. war fund movement, and, under the leadership of Miss Hattie Belle Jackson, of Hattiesburg, president of the organization the college Y. M. C. A. has raised \$1,500 for the work. Senator Percy, who was introduced by Prof. Dabney Lipscomb, vice-president of the college, complimented the young ladies upon the splendid outcome of their efforts and expressed the wish that every town and city in Mississippi had within its confines a band of equally enthusiastic workers.

The local "Flying Squadron," consisting of Messrs. Warren M. Cox, P. W. Maer, Jesse P. Woodward, George Y. Banks and S. B. Street, Jr., got out Thursday and raised \$3000 for the Y. M. C. A. fund. Lowndes county's allotment is \$5,000 and while this is independent of the money raised by the students of the Industrial Institute and College, it is thought that the goal will be easily attained.

In addition to the general committee known as the "Flying Squadron," eight sub-committees have been at work during the past week and have met with gratifying success. They have secured subscriptions amounting to about \$1,000, which, added to the \$3,000 obtained Thursday, makes a total of something like \$4,000. The various committees met at a luncheon at the Bell Cafe at noon Friday, and had the pleasure of listening to a fine impromptu talk by Dr. Frederick D. Losey, a gifted platform entertainer from New York who on Friday night closed a successful engagement at the Industrial Institute and College. Dr. Losey, who is making patriotic speeches throughout the country, is very enthusiastic regarding the Y. M. C. A. war work, and his talk Friday, which lasted only a few minutes, was a concrete classic, having impressed his hearers so forcefully that it was accorded approval and appreciation by enthusiastic applause.

The committees did not go out yesterday, as Saturday is an important time to solicit subscriptions, but the work will be resumed at 9 o'clock Monday morning and an effort made to reach the county goal, which is \$5,000, during the course of the day.

The various sub-committees are composed of the following gentlemen: Committee No. 1: J. P. Woodward, chairman, H. M. Hilsum, D. T. Gaston, R. E. Johnston, J. R. Richards.

Committee No. 2: W. G. Evans, chairman, J. T. W. Hairston, R. B. Herdy, C. H. Cocke, Talmadge Pilkington.

Committee No. 3: J. F. Frierson, chairman, R. J. Gunter, L. B. Divilbiss, J. L. Cox, H. M. Moody.

Committee No. 4: F. P. Phillips, chairman, J. W. Steen, S. J. Loeb, Parker Reeves, L. G. Painter.

Committee No. 5: P. W. Maer, chairman, C. C. Richardson, J. T. Searcy, V. B. Imes, J. H. Brickell.

Committee No. 6: G. Y. Banks, chairman, Charley Hays, Mike Kerby, Joseph Donoghue, Dr. O. B. Sears.

Committee No. 7: S. B. Street, Jr., chairman, T. W. Lewis, J. T. Champneys.

Committee No. 8: Brooks McGowan, chairman, I. L. Gaston, W. N. Puckett, E. C. Chapman, S. B. Johnston.

Committee No. 9: J. I. Sturdivant,

HAMBERT IS HELD HERE AS SLACKER

MAN ARRESTED ON FORGERY CHARGE BELIEVED TO BE DODGING UNCLE SAM.

Albert Hambert, a white man whom the local authorities believe is evading military service, is being held here pending an investigation. Hambert was taken into custody Friday when he presented at the department store of W. C. Beard, Incorporated, a check for \$10 signed by James Smith, which is claimed to be a forgery. Smith, who operates a fleet of taxicabs, states that he did not write the check, but Hambert on the other hand, asserts positively that he did.

Hambert, when arrested, had in his pocket a card which showed that he registered as an eligible for military service in Birmingham on June 5. He claims, however, that Chattanooga is his home.

Hambert has not been tried on the forgery charge, but is being held as a vagrant. The fact that he has in his possession a registration card indicates that he is dodging military service; so Mayor McClanahan decided not to try him for forgery, as a conviction on that charge would give the state a claim upon him, and he could not be forced to enlist.

Mae Marsh in "Polly of the Circus" At Princes Monday November 19.

"Polly of the Circus," an elaborate screen presentation of Margaret Mayo's great drama of circus life, is the first of the beautiful productions to be released by the new Goldwyn Pictures Corporation. Mae Marsh is the star of this immense photo-spectacle.

"Polly of the Circus," as a drama, was one of the greatest successes of the American stage, and made a fortune for its authors and owners. In films it takes its place as one of the most remarkable productions ever made.

"Polly of the Circus," tells the story of a little circus orphan (Mae Marsh), who has been raised by Toby, the clown (Charles Eldridge). Polly is hurt in an accident and has to remain behind while the show goes on. She is taken to the home of the minister, where her presence in the house is turned into scandal by the narrow minded village gossips.

This leads to her going back to the circus, but the following Spring the circus comes back to the little town, and through the intervention of a fight and a fire in the "Big Top," Polly and the minister find each other—and happiness.

This is a picture of laughter and tears a picture of a score of circus thrills and, in fact, you see a complete circus performance on the screen. The most amazing of all the scenes is the burning of the main tent during the evening performance and the wild stampede of the audience. Everett Shinn the famous artist designed the settings and Margaret Mayo the author, personally aided Charles Horan, the director of the picture, in his work.

Matinee 2:30 and 4:30. Night 7:30 and 9:30. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Has Collar Bone Broken. Mr. Lee Fant, a well known citizen of Lamar county, Ala., who spent yesterday in Columbus, had the misfortune to have his collar bone broken while walking in the business section of the city. Mr. Fant was crossing the street near the post-office yesterday morning and was accidentally struck on the shoulder by a passing motorcycle the rider of which is unknown. The injured man went to the office of Dr. R. C. Molloy and upon examination found that he had received a broken collar bone.

VERNON WINS GAME. Having a much heavier team and with a number of college players on their line-up, the Vernon High School won the football game from Franklin Academy Friday afternoon. The score was 37 to 0.

Junior Senator Coming. The Junior Senator, "your former friend and my former friend," as Hon. Pat Harrison says, will be heard in Columbus on the night of November 28.

Rev. Jas. McCaskill left for Jackson Saturday and will go from there to New Orleans to attend the annual Prison Congress of the American Prison Association, which meets in that city November 19 to 23.

Mr. D. S. Cox, Jr., has returned from a trip to Meridian.

URGE INCREASE IN SALARIES OF TEACHERS HERE

STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS INDORSSES MOVEMENT

ELECT COLUMBIANS

Mrs. William Baldwin and Miss Frances Hooper Among Officers Named.

The Annual meeting of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs which was held in Meridian last week was one of unusual interest to this city, as the organization not only honored two Columbus ladies by electing them to important offices but adopted a resolution favoring a general increase in salaries for members of the faculty of the Industrial Institute and College.

The two Columbians elected to office were Mrs. William Baldwin and Miss Frances Hooper. Mrs. Baldwin having been elected auditor, while Miss Hooper was named as custodian. Starkville was selected as the place for holding the 1918 meeting and other officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. B. F. Sanders, of Swan Lake; recording secretary, Miss Blanche Rogers, of New Albany; director-general of federation, Mrs. Edward McGeehe, of Como.

The resolution which the federation adopted indorsing the movement to secure increased compensation for members of the faculty of the Industrial Institute and College follows:

"Whereas, the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs realizes the important and unusual responsibilities placed upon women during this war period, and believes in the best training for all women in all walks of life.

"Whereas, the federation approves of a living wage for women and equal pay for equal work.

"Be it resolved, That the Mississippi Federation endorse this movement being made by the president, faculty and student body alumni and friends of our state college for women, to increase the salaries of the faculty of this institution.

"Second—That we endorse the effort being made to enlarge the plant of the college in order to further its efficiency in all lines.

"Third—That the federation urges the establishment and full equipment at the Industrial Institute and College of such departments of collegiate and industrial and professional training as of special need to Mississippi women during, and after this war period.

(Signed) "MRS. T. R. HENDERSON, MISS BLANCHE ROGERS."

"City Without a Tablecloth." Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 17.—Some observant person has dubbed Camp Pike as the "City without a Tablecloth," and such it is, for army camps are not given to the finer points of home life. The men must encounter rugged conditions at the front, and at Camp Pike they are trained to be physically able to stand anything that may come.

In the first place there is the laundry work. For a city of 30,000 this would be a serious item, and it is doubtful that the men would appreciate it if they were supplied with the fanciest of table linen. The man in an army camp eats his meal from mess tin, an aluminum affair which is a part of his equipment. When the mess call is sounded he lines up and passes before the range, getting his food in the mess tin. He then proceeds to leisure to a seat under a tree, or a bench in the barracks, and partakes of the wholesome food that has been prepared for him. If there is not enough the first time he will find a second or even a third helping awaiting him at the kitchen.

When he is through the soldier walks to a tank of scalding water and washes his tin. It is then rinsed in running hot water, the heat from which rapidly dries the tin, after which it is folded, with knife, fork and spoon inside, and laid away to await the next meal. Thus the men are instructed in waiting on themselves, and the government is saved the expense of caring for men who are capable in all ways of looking out for No. 1.

AMERICANS CITED FOR BRAVERY. With American Forces in France, Nov. 17.—Between eight and ten thousand shells were dropped on the small section of American trenches raided by the German soldiers a couple of weeks ago. This fact was made known in the official orders issued citing the American survivors for bravery.

"This raid had been planned for practically three months," the official statement said. Sixteen batteries of all calibre were used and in the preparations and during the attack between 8,000 and 10,000 shells were dropped on our lines. The attack had been prepared in every detail.

ITEMS OF INTEREST OVER THE COUNTRY

GIST OF THE NEWS GATHERED HERE AND THERE AND PRESENTED IN BRIEF FORM.

Fifteen regiments have been enlisted in the United States by the British and Canadian recruiting mission.

Conversion of more than a million tons of American sailing vessels into steamships has been proposed to the Shipping Board by Thomas A. Edison. The inventor's suggestion will be made the subject of a thorough investigation.

A pronounced earthquake, estimated to have been centered about 5,000 miles from Washington, occurred during Thursday night, beginning at 10:39 and continuing until about 12:52 a. m. The maximum movement was between 11:17 p. m. and 11:40 p. m.

Speculation in butter and eggs has been eliminated, the food administration announces, by a voluntary arrangement just made with representatives of all the country's butter and egg exchanges. A set of rules drawn up governing transactions in these commodities prevents speculation and guards against fictitious prices.

All previous record prices for long staple cotton in Clarksville, Tex., were broken Thursday when a bale was sold for 65 cents a pound. The bale brought \$338, exclusive of the seed, which is valued at \$3 per bushel.

An American steamer has arrived at a British port having on board a man who was picked up at sea. It is believed that he was the only survivor of the Cork steamer Ardmore, which either was torpedoed or mined.

Will Issue New Stamp.

A thirteen cent stamp will be issued soon to meet the requirements of the increased postage rates. This stamp will be used for registered and special delivery letters instead of the twelve cent stamp.

The color of the stamp has not been selected yet, but it will bear the head of Franklin and will be the same size as the other stamps that are now being issued.

Farewell Sermon Tonight.

Rev. W. L. Duren, who for four years past has been pastor of the First Methodist church, and who will attend conference the coming week, will preach his farewell sermon this evening.

Mr. John Humphries returned yesterday evening from Memphis and Little Rock, where he spent the past week on business.

The ladies of the Christian church had a bazaar at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Sears, on College street, yesterday, and a nice sum was realized.

NOTED CONTRALTO WILL SING HERE

MME. AUGUSTA LENSKA TO BE HEARD AT THE COLLEGE WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Columbians will have the pleasure next Wednesday evening of hearing Mme. Augusta Lenska, prima donna contralto, of the Chicago-Philadelphia Opera Company, who will appear in the chapel of the Industrial Institute and College under the auspices of the S. A. C. W.

This noted singer was heard at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs held last week in Meridian, and on account of having an open date decided to come to Columbus.

Among the features of Mme. Lenska's program will be several patriotic songs.

AMERICANS CITED FOR BRAVERY

With American Forces in France, Nov. 17.—Between eight and ten thousand shells were dropped on the small section of American trenches raided by the German soldiers a couple of weeks ago. This fact was made known in the official orders issued citing the American survivors for bravery.

"This raid had been planned for practically three months," the official statement said. Sixteen batteries of all calibre were used and in the preparations and during the attack between 8,000 and 10,000 shells were dropped on our lines. The attack had been prepared in every detail.

LOSEY TELLS WOMEN NATION NEEDS THEM

URGES THEM TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN WAR WORK.

CHARMS HEARERS

Gifted Man Strengthens The Favorable Impression Already Created.

Dr. Frederick D. Losey a noted platform entertainer from New York who Friday night closed a successful engagement at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College in this city, Friday morning delivered to the students and members of the faculty of that institution an address which was an urgent appeal to women for war work and which stirred to its inmost depths the patriotism of all who heard him. Dr. Losey wears a "four-minute man" button, which makes him one of Uncle Sam's accredited speakers. He took a conspicuous part in the recent equal suffrage campaign in New York, and therefore spoke as one thoroughly conversant with the situation when he told the women of Mississippi that their country needed them more right now than at any previous time in its history. He said that the principal factor which makes women fundamentally opposed to war, their correct valuation of human life, is the quality most needed in public service in the present crisis; that the factors of women must cut through the governmental which ties up the life-giving supplies of the nation.

Woman, according to Dr. Losey, as the melder and conservator of life, is needed by the government at a time when life is being poured out.

Dr. Losey, in addition to the address alluded to above which was delivered Friday morning, made four other appearances at the college. On Friday afternoon he lectured on "Julius Caesar" and in the evening gave a dramatic recital of the play, while on Friday afternoon he talked on "War Poetry," and the same evening closed his engagement by reading Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

Columbians, who have heard Dr. Losey before and who sincerely admire him both as an artist and as a man, are indebted to Dr. L. G. Painter, head of the English department at the college, for this delightful privilege of again hearing him talk. Dr. Painter, who quickly recognizes true worth in men as well as in literature, realizes the fact that Dr. Losey is one of the most forceful characters on the lyceum platform, and knows full well that in hearing him students of the college and Columbians generally are not only entertained but edified.

PARENT-TEACHERS' MEET. The Parent-Teachers' Association of the Franklin Academy met Thursday afternoon and enjoyed an instructive program. They hope to accomplish much for the betterment of the school. A new constitution was adopted, new officers were elected, and the work for the ensuing year will begin at once. Prof. Meadows gave a talk on Playground Equipment, urging that the schools be made as attractive as possible for the child, so he will look upon it as a place of pleasure as well as profit. Parents are asked to consider this feature of the school work, for like all other undertakings it requires funds to put it into execution. They enrolled about sixty members including parents and teachers. They hope to have more at the session advances.

D. A. R. BAZAAR. Meet your friends for a cup of tea at the Bazaar given by the Bernard Romans Chapter, D. A. R. Friday, November 23rd at the Presbyterian Manse. The place to do your Xmas shopping. Dainty and delicious candies for sale, and articles that are patriotic in price, practical and pretty. See yourselves as other see you by having your silhouette drawn. Admission 10 cents. Refreshments served. Proceeds to go to Pauline Orr scholarship fund.

Mr. Seth A. Meek, who for the past five years has held a position with the D. S. Pate Lumber Company, has resigned, and on December 1 will go on the road for Phillip Cruner Brothers, of St. Louis. He will make Columbus his headquarters.